

WEEK'S ACTIVITY IN MIAMI FIELDS

Zinc Ore Took a Tumble of
\$10; Average for Ton
Was \$92.50.

PRODUCTION IS GOOD

Favorable Weather Per-
mitted All Mills to Run
to Capacity.

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MIAMI, Okla., Dec. 11.—The previous high prices of zinc ore took a slight tumble last week for about \$10. The highest grade of zinc blends brought \$105 the ton and the lower grades came down to \$80, making an average for the week of \$92.50. Prompt spotter dropped to \$15 a ton and this is responsible for the drop in other prices. Pig lead retained its strength tho' at \$2.25 and local buy-

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ers pad as high as \$73 a ton for considerable tonnage. Lead seemed unaffected by the slump in the zinc prices. The past week has seen fine weather for the entire week and production has been good. Several new mills are being rushed to completion and the new year will see several more mills in operation. The activity in prospecting throughout the entire field has been located trying out new territory and also proving over previously located bodies of ore determining the size of same to assure the advisability of mill erections.

Turnins for 1915.
Last week's turnin has now brought the total turnin for the year 1915 to exceed two millions and that of led has considerably exceeded the half-million. There was still three weeks more in 1915 and four could rightly be figured if the turnin for Saturday, January 1, 1916, be added. The turnin for the balance of this year will likely exceed another quarter million. The summaries as they stand now for 19 weeks are:
Total zinc values, \$2,035,110.00
Total lead values, 520,545.00

Grand Total, \$2,555,655.00
Drills are at work now prospecting land within a hundred rods of the city limits of Miami. The prospecting is in Section 23 the same as the McConnell-Baranes and the Denver-Miami mills which are about a half-mile further distant. In the same section are five or six other drill rigs at work with discoveries recently reported. The discoveries are north and west of Miami and it may be found that the city of Miami itself is underlain with rich zinc and lead ore. Miami is certainly in the heart of the Miami mining district and some prospecting is being done now even south of Miami across the river.

TURKEY INDUSTRY ON THE INCREASE

More Than 1,000 Fat Gob-
blers Shipped From
Ringling Alone.

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RINGLING, Okla., Dec. 10.—More than one thousand fat turkeys were shipped out of Ringling this week, consigned to Swift & Co., at Oklahoma City, by the Creel Grain company, probably the largest dealers in turkeys in Jefferson county. The fact that the Oklahoma City market offered inducement for all the turkeys the local company could buy indicates that probably the turkey industry in Oklahoma has not been much developed.

These turkeys were bought from farmers within a radius of a few miles of Ringling and have been pastured during the day just outside the town limits. A "turkey man" has had them in charge, driving them out in the morning and guiding them back in the evening. The flock probably was the largest ever gathered in southern Oklahoma by a retail dealer.

William Polson, living four miles west of Ringling, this year raised 165 turkeys for the market. For several years he has made turkey raising an important feature of his farm work and annually markets from 100 to 150 hens. J. P. Bowling, another farmer living near Ringling, sold 92 hens on the local market, and Spencer Melton, 74 hens.

The oldest turkey gobbler in Oklahoma is owned by J. A. Ford of Shawnee, a traveling salesman, who was an admirer of the Ringling flock just before shipment. This gobbler is 17 years old and weighs 25 pounds. Mr. Ford entered the turkey industry a few years ago by buying eggs taken from the nest of a wild turkey. One of his half-wild hens he sold to the Agricultural & Mechanical college of Massachusetts for \$45. One of his wild gobblers he sold for \$25. He has raised as many as three hundred wild and half-wild turkeys in one year. Many of the wild ones he has sold for \$15 and many of the half-wild ones for \$10.

His Family Standing.
A cockney angler, thinking his Highland location was not treating him with the respect due to his station, expostulated thus:
"Look here, my good man, you don't seem to grasp who I am. Do you know that my family has been entitled to bear arms for the last two hundred years?"
"Hoos! that's nothing," was the reply. "My ancestors have been entitled to bare legs for the last two thousand years."

CHICKASAWS WANT TO TAKE UP ARMS

One or More Companies of
Light Horsemen May
Spring Up Now.

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RINGLING, Okla., Dec. 11.—Either as members of the Oklahoma National Guard or the proposed Continental Army one or more companies of Chickasaw nation light horsemen probably will come into existence in southern Oklahoma. The organization will not be composed entirely of Chickasaw Indians, although men of Indian blood are anxious for an opportunity to become soldiers, but cowboys of the small ranches that dot the former Indian nation will enroll.

Naturally the character of men living on farms and ranches in this section of Oklahoma suggests that they prefer the cavalry division of the service. Most of them have been reared in the saddle. They have punched cattle, followed the trail on long drives and participated in roundups. White and Indian, their ambition has been to be outdoors astraddle of the back of a horse. They are specially proud of good "horse flesh" and most of them of this day are raising horses that are much superior to the "ring-tailed" ponies their predecessors rode on the range years ago.

Are Very Patriotic.

These men are patriotic. They'd like to fight if they had the opportunity. But not many of them would ever become used to the restraints of the regular army service. As members of the National Guard or the Continental Army, which would require but a few months of their time each year, they would make excellent material for practical applications of the rules of warfare.

They will need little encouragement. Merely the inspiration will assemble them. The inspiration probably would rest in leadership. Given a man of their type with military experience and they'd march into the Gulf of Mexico.

Unlike many hundreds of thousands of young men of this generation who have grown up in populous communities, they have heard many and many times the stories of heroism their fathers and grandfathers have told. In their youth at the hearthside, when memories of the Civil war were fresh in the minds of their forebears, they heard these stories. Every summer while they were growing up they attended reunions of the veterans of the other war and listened again to the campfire tales of the old heroes.

They have fundamental and well-adjusted ideas of justice. Thirty-five years ago when the Chickasaw nation was a cattle country the fathers of some of them shot the fathers of some others because the latter fathers persisted in stealing cattle. Not a few of their fathers have taken part in "cattle parties" and many of them fought Comanche and Kiowa Indians off the frontiers of the Chickasaw nation when the cattle business was young.

Real Cowboy Stuff.

The young fellows of this type are not "tailored" cowpunchers nor have they come out of the sandbars of the cross timbers and learned punching since they grew up. They got the secret of the Chickasaw nation life while they were growing up. They are the real stuff in the cowboy line, and they'd make a parade sizzle with interest.

Some of them are on the ranches of Bill Davis, former mayor of Fort Worth. Some have been employed by Bill Washington, one of the most noted men of the Chickasaw country. Some were tutored by the Roffs, who were pioneers in the cattle business. Some have ridden the trading ponies of Burke Barnett and the Wagons of Texas who once embraced part of the two territories in their range dominions.

HAVE THEIR PRISON EDITORS.

German Newspapers Pay Some Men to Be the Goat.

The life of the German is hedged around by innumerable "don'ts." It would be a long list, indeed, if the things that are "verboten" were to be written down.

"Verboten" means literally, "forbidden," and the curious point to notice is that the prohibitions are worded like so many military commands. This you may read in a railway carriage, "Smoking forbidden," or "Entrance forbidden." We miss the "please" of civilized peoples. But, then, it may be truly said that a people gets the order it deserves.

Above all else, the Germans may not talk slightly of the Kaiser. You ask why? Well, the Kaiser is something holy; he wears his crown by "the grace of God," and so has a bit of the divine in him. So the German may not talk about the Kaiser disrespectfully. But, then, human nature is human nature, and even in Germany there are people who cannot and will not hold their tongues.

A simple way of talking about the Kaiser has been discovered. "His Majesty" in German is "Seiner Majestat," usually abbreviated into S. M. Just as we talk of H. M. the king, so the Germans speak of S. M. the Kaiser. Now S. M. are also the initials of the name Sigmund Meyer (just any name) in the same way as H. M. might be the initials of, say, Henry Morley.

So if you want to criticize the Kaiser you talk about Sigmund Meyer, and one may hear after one of the Kaiser's numerous speeches, "Sigmund Meyer has been talking rot again." All Berlin knows who Sigmund Meyer is.

Nevertheless you must be extremely cautious if you criticize royalty. There is a story of a man who in a public cafe was heard to say "The emperor is a fool!" It was not long before a policeman was on the scene about to arrest the culprit. "But I did not mean the emperor here," protested the singer. "I meant another emperor." "Don't talk to me, sir," said the policeman of the law; "there is only one fool of an emperor, and that is you."

Another thing the German may not do is to hold a public meeting undisturbed. The police must be informed of the time, place and object of the meeting, and in every case a police official is present on the platform. He usually takes notes and shouts con-

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thing he said which he regards as "verboten" he may close the meeting and clear the hall.

Just as the Germans have no freedom of speech, so they have no freedom of the press. In every paper or periodical published in Germany there must be printed the name of the responsible editor. Thus you will find: Responsible for news, So-and-so; responsible for leaders, So-and-so; responsible for advertisements, So-and-so. This means, in effect, that if the police disapprove of anything that appears down they come on the responsible editor and haul him off before the judges.

Some advanced papers, notably among the Socialist press, actually have what are jealously called "prison editors." That is to say, these men are not really responsible for what appears in the paper, but their names are set down in case the police disapprove, and they are the ones who go to prison when their paper offends the authorities.—Pearsons.

GETTING DOWN TO REALITY.

Too Many Only on Superficial Side of Things.

The majority of men are content to go through life looking only on the superficial aspect of experience, failing to dig deep down into the heart of reality. The story is told of a king who sought to teach his subjects by placing a large stone in the center of the street near his palace. Many passers-by went around the stone, some fell over it, most of them grumbling about the obstruction. When it was evident that no one would voluntarily trouble to dislodge the "rock of offense," the king called an assembly of the people and with his own hands, unused to toil, removed the stone, disclosing underneath it a box filled with gold and treasures, and remarked: "For him who removes this stone."

The obstructing and obscuring external, whether of stone, wood or marble, lie all over the face of the world of values, and only the impassive individual, the exceptional man, who has an unusual thirst for knowledge, together with a more spiritual frame of mind, or who hungers more than do his fellows after God, takes the pains to lift off the weights of ritual, convention, social custom, "red tape," or worldly indulgence that he may find deep in the roots of things, the mystical value of an intensely spiritual experience, and the inestimable treasures of the life "hid with Christ in God."—Zola's *Wanderer*.

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